I'M GOING TO LOOK OVER THERE.
OH,
SURE.
YOU REALLY CARE ABOUT YOUR FRIEND, DON'T YOU?
!?
H-HERE IT IS!
WOW!
FLIP
FLIP
FLIP
FLIP

OKITENEMURU

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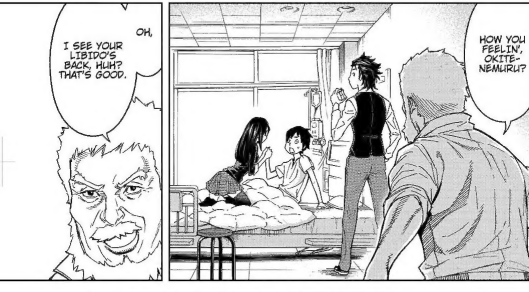
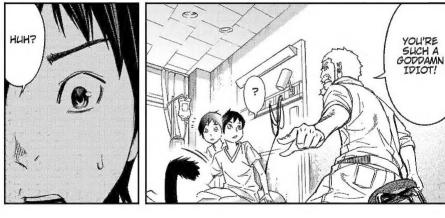
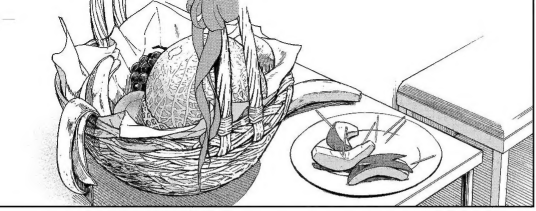

OH,
I SEE YOUR LIBIDO'S BACK. HUH? THAT'S GOOD.
HOW YOU FEELIN', OKITE-NEMURU?


HUH?
?
YOU'RE SUCH A GODDAMN IDIOT!

THANK YOU, KANATA-KUN.
YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE TO SAVE MY DAUGHTER, AND I'M VERY GRATEFUL.
HUH?
HUH?!
WHAT'S THAT CAT DOING HERE?
OW..
ARE YOU OKAY, BRO-THER?
HUH?
SE-
THUD
HE HE



HER
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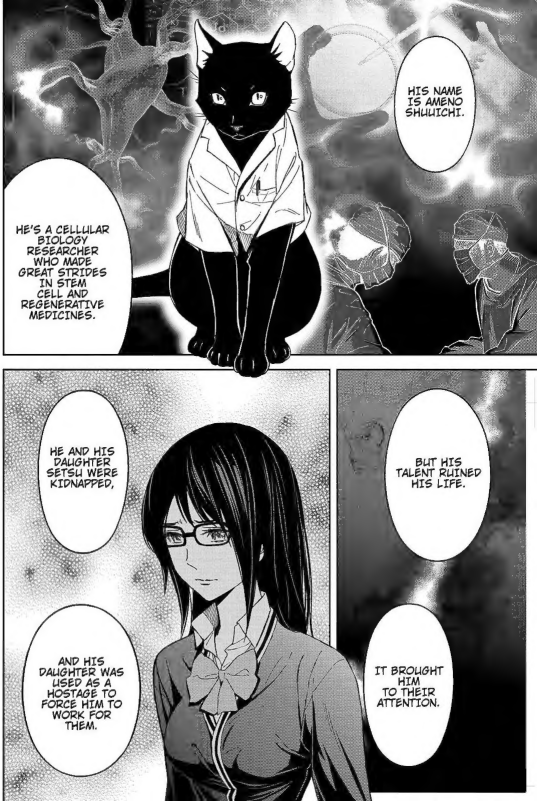
DA-
DAD?!
TH-THEN THIS CAT IS...

I'VE TOLD YOU A BUNCH OF TIMES, IT'S HER DAD.
I DON'T SEE WHY THIS IS SO HARD FOR YOU.
AND I DON'T SEE WHY IT ISN'T HARD FOR YOU?
ALL OF THESE PEOPLE ARE CRAZY.


HIS NAME IS AMENO SHUUICHI.
HE'S A CELLULAR BIOLOGY RESEARCHER WHO MADE GREAT STRIDES IN STEM CELL AND REGENERATIVE MEDICINES.
BUT HIS TALENT RUINED HIS LIFE.
HE AND HIS DAUGHTER SETSU WERE KIDNAPPED,
IT BROUGHT HIM TO THEIR ATTENTION.
AND HIS DAUGHTER WAS USED AS A HOSTAGE TO FORCE HIM TO WORK FOR THEM.

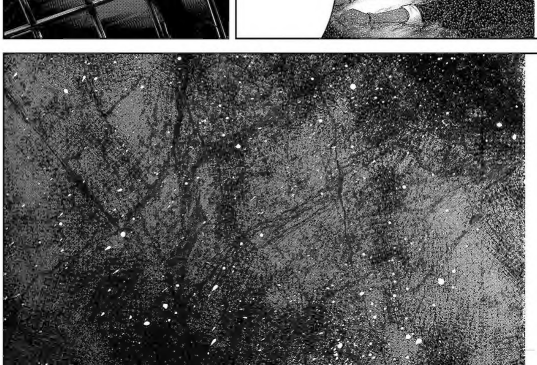
THAT WAS THE MOST PAINFUL THING.

I DESTROYED MY DAUGHTER'S LIFE.

DAD...

TO ME, MY DAUGHTER'S HAPPINESS WAS MY ONLY REASON TO LIVE.
SEVERAL YEARS LATER, WHEN EXTERNAL INFORMATION RESCUED SETSU, I REALLY FELT LIKE I WAS SAVED, TOO.

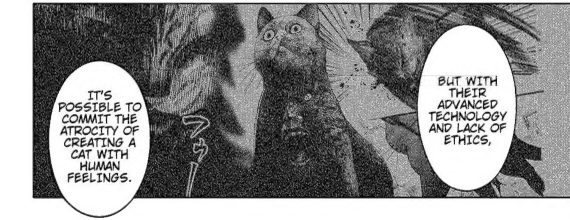
SO I DECIDED TO SELL MY SOUL TO THE DEVIL...
BUT THEIR SECURITY WAS VERY TIGHT, AND THERE WAS NO WAY I COULD ESCAPE.
BUT WHEN I LEARNED THAT THEY WERE TRYING TO USE SETSU FOR WHAT YOU SAW TODAY,
I DECIDED I HAD TO TELL HER THE DANGER SOMEHOW.



I USED THEIR ADVANCED REGENERATIVE MEDICINE AND ORGAN IMPLANTATION TECHNOLOGIES
TO SPLIT MY BODY INTO MANY PIECES AND TRANSPLANT THE PARTS
INTO DYING ANIMALS THAT HAD BEEN USED IN OTHER RESEARCHERS' EXPERIMENTS AND WERE GOING TO BE DISPOSED OF.
I COULDN'T ACT RIGHT AWAY.
HISS
BUT THE DAMAGE TO THE BRAIN MADE MY EMOTIONS AND MEMORIES UNSTABLE.

THE FISH MONSTER THAT ATTACKED YOU WAS ANOTHER ANIMAL THAT HAD RECEIVED A TRANSPLANT FROM HIS BODY.
YOU COULD SAY THAT HE WAS A LIVING DIS-EMBODIED CORPSE.

THERE ARE ETHICAL RESTRICTIONS ON CREATING ANIMALS WITH MIXES OF HUMAN AND ANIMAL CELLS,
RESEARCH INTO USING ARTIFICIAL PHRIPOTENT STEM CELLS TO CREATE HUMAN ORGANS IN THE BODIES OF ANIMALS HAS ACTUALLY COME A LONG WAY.

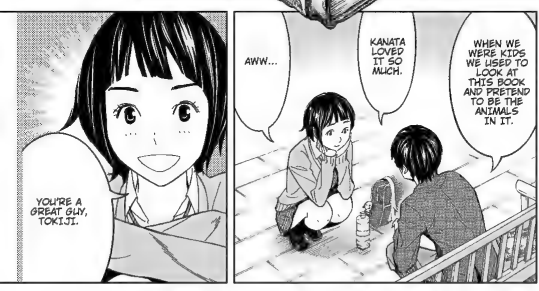

IT'S POSSIBLE TO COMMIT THE ATROCITY OF CREATING A CAT WITH HUMAN FEELINGS.
BUT WITH THEIR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND LACK OF ETHICS,

DON'T WORRY. I CHANGED YOUR CELLPHONE TO MEET EXTERNAL INFORMATION'S STANDARDS. NOW WE CAN BLOCK WIRETAPPING AND GPS TRACING.
WHAT?
WAH!
FLING
WHAT?

* SAIJO SHIZUKU CELL PHONE

GEH
BLEH
YOU OKAY?
I'M JUST FINE.
I JUST GOT A LITTLE DIZZY, IS ALL.
JEEZ...
THIS IS THE PROBLEM WITH GUYS WITH GLASSES THESE DAYS.
THEY'RE TOTAL WIMPS AND HERBIVORES.
草食男子
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
KANATA SAYS HE'S ALMOST HERE.
YOU REALLY DIDN'T NEED TO CALL HIM.
YOU GUYS LIVE IN THE SAME NEIGHBORHOOD, SO HE CAN TAKE YOU HOME. IT'S FINE.

AND YOU WANTED TO SHOW HIM THIS BOOK, RIGHT?
Y-YEAH...
HE'S BEEN KIND OF DOWN LATELY, SO I THOUGHT IT MIGHT CHEER HIM UP.


WHEN WE WERE KIDS WE USED TO LOOK AT THIS BOOK AND PRETEND TO BE THE ANIMALS IN IT.
KANATA LOVED IT SO MUCH.
AWW...
YOU'RE A GREAT GUY, TOKIJI.

ARE YOU REALLY OKAY?
TO-KIJI...
COUGH
W-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING-
UGH
COUGH
COUGH

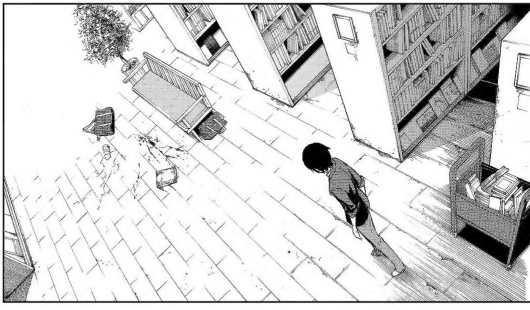
HUH?
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
HACK
BLEH
SHATTER
SNAP
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAT?
UGH...
KTH!
SLAM
LOSS

RUMBLE
AAAAAAAAAA
GRACK!!
POP
CRACK
POP
POP
I-
TOKIJI!

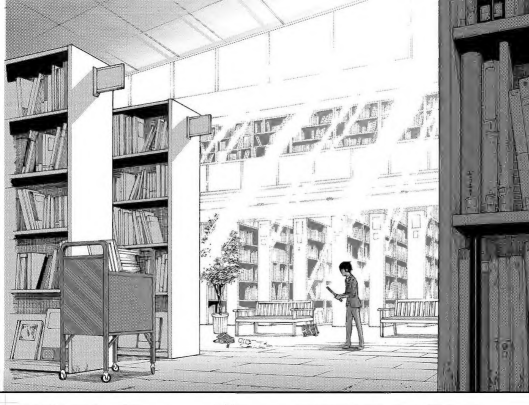
BARGH

SMACK
BARF
T-TOKIJI...
AAH...

WHERE DID SHIZUKU GO?
JEEZ...



Persian Animals



HIS DEAR FRIEND IS THE NEW HOST...?!
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